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Sprint cries foul

Ameritech allegedly got unfair advantage

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City officials have given Ameritech an unfair advantage in the competition to provide cellular telephone services, a representative of Sprint Spectrum says.

On Tuesday, Kevin Vick of Sprint told members of the City Council that they should reject a proposed zoning amendment that would allow erection of telecommunications towers only in industrial zones. Ameritech was allowed to place two communications towers on commercially-zoned property in the city, Vick said, and his company should be given the same opportunity.

Both Sprint and AT&T have

The amendment you have before you tonight cripples — if not completely eliminates — our ability to provide service in Granite City.

— Kevin Vick
Sprint official

requests pending to place towers on commercial property in the city.

Sprint would like to erect a tower on a 7-acre tract of land behind the Bingo Hall off of Fehling Road. The property is zoned C-5.

AT&T wants to build a tower on property along Maryville Road near Terminal Avenue. That property is also zoned C-5. But, after a series of at least three public hearings, the City's Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that the City Council adopt an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would allow such towers only on industrial property.

Vick said there are no suitable industrial sites in the city that would allow Sprint to provide "acceptable" cellular service to customers here.

"We want to provide a public service," Vick said. "But the amendment you have before you

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Parking garage discussed

A new parking garage and a new courthouse for criminal cases were two ideas discussed Monday by the Madison County Board's Building Committee.

Both projects are only distant possibilities, but committee members said they want to begin arranging priorities for future capital expenses.

The committee reviewed an in-house sketch of a \$3 million parking garage that could someday be built to the northeast of the Admin

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City street dispute looms

Relocation sought

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

When driving clockwise around Wilson Park, you are not really on city streets, the city's engineer says.

Joe Juneau of Juneau Associates, the city's contractual engineer, told the City Council's Planning and Zoning Committee Tuesday night that official records show that the Granite City Park District owns most of the property from the curb around Wilson Park to the middle of the street.

"The bottom line is a lot of the roadway around Wilson Park does not belong to the city," Juneau said.

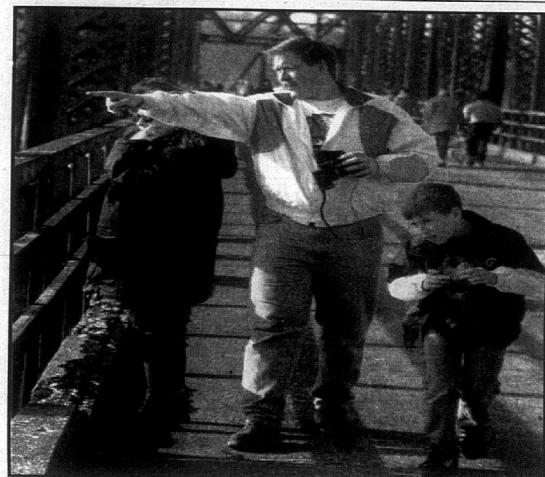
Park-owned property that has been paved over includes the southbound lane of State Street from 29th Street to 27th Street; the westbound lane of 27th Street from State Street to Benton

Street; the northbound lane of Benton Street from 27th Street to Fehling Road; Fehling Road from Benton Street to State Street; and the northbound lane of State Street from Fehling Road to the curve near the south entrance to Granite City High School's parking lot.

All of the property is adjacent to Wilson Park except for the northbound lane of State Street, which is adjacent to Granite City High School athletic fields.

The only sections of street adjacent to the park that have been dedicated to the city are a short section of State Street between 29th Street and the south high school entrance and the southbound section of State Street between Fehling Road and the south entrance to the high school.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

John Cassidy points out an eagle soaring above the Chain of Rocks Dam to Sandy Eisen, left, and Cassidy's son, John Jr., 7, from the deck of the old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

Bridge draws a crowd

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

If Sunday's "open house" at the old Chain of Rocks Bridge is any indication of public interest, the future tourist attraction should be a huge success.

"It's going to be tremendous," Madison Mayor John Bellcoff said. "The Chain of Rocks Bridge is going

to be the second most attractive spot in the St. Louis region, next to the Gateway Arch. I think it will be good for both Missouri and Illinois."

Several thousand people took advantage of a four-hour opening of the mile-long bridge Sunday to walk out on the bridge and gaze at one of the most scenic sections of the Mississippi River.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Award — Tri Cities Area Chamber of Commerce President Joe Juneau receives a special chef's award from chamber Executive Vice President Joe Juneau for his work cooking at the lunch held in Wilson Park after the chamber's 1996 Clean-up Campaign. The chamber's Community Pride Committee held its annual award luncheon at the Eagle's Nest at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College last Thursday. More photos on Page 5A.

Party remains on village ballot

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Two full slates of candidates will be on the April 1 ballot in Pontoon Beach.

While the village electoral board on Wednesday nullified about 29 signatures contained on nominating petitions filed by the People for Village Progress Party, the candidates still had more than the required 48 signatures required to place their names on the ballot, Village Clerk Mary Rowden said.

The party, consisting of Comptroller Lou Whitsett and incumbent trustee Bob Vincent and Bob Abel, filed petitions containing more than 100 signatures. All three candidates are seeking trustee positions.

They will be opposed on the ballot by People First Party candidates Scott Oney, Phil Witt and incumbent trustee Mike Macek.

Trustee Randy Presswood, a member of the People First Committee, filed objections to the Village Progress nominating petitions citing improper registration or addresses and other apparent discrepancies.

Rowden said the electoral board, consisting of herself, Mayor Glen Wilson and Trustee Irene Karlechik, unanimously agreed that there was no proof that enough invalid signatures were filed to throw Village Progress Party candidates off the ballot.

Heat aid funds running out

Federal funds to help low-income families pay heating bills are running short, officials said.

"At the current price of delivered fuel, we may be able to serve about 85 more families until about the end of February," said Rochelle Williams, coordinator of the assistance program for Madison County.

The county-administered Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program already has allocated \$625,500 in regular assistance to 2,549 families. Through the regular assistance program, money is provided to applicants who demonstrate a need prior to each winter.

The program had an additional \$91,575 in emergency funding at the beginning of the year, but severe cold in January and rising fuel prices gobbled up all but \$25,700 of the emergency funds, which were distributed to 197 families, Williams said.

U.S. senators have requested that President Bill Clinton release more LIFEAP funding but have received no response. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun said in a letter to Clinton earlier this month that wind chill factors of 50 degrees below zero had created a hardship on many low-income families.

— From The Telegraph

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Faces

Charlotte Johnson has joined the staff at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College as coordinator of the Kids' Club child care service.

Johnson, of Granite City, had worked for about 12 years as an assistant director and teacher at the Tri-City Assembly Child Development Center.

In addition to working at the GCC, Johnson is also taking classes, pursuing a degree in early childhood.

"I enjoy working with children. They keep you young," she said.

Johnson and husband Michael have three of their own: Christopher, 21; Bryan, 17; and Marc, 15.



Charlotte Johnson

Germania case ruling delayed

Judge agrees to wait 2 weeks

Customers who lost millions of dollars in uninsured "schemes" from the former GermaniaBank will have to wait two more weeks to find out what they may recover from the FDIC.

On Friday, U.S. District Judge Paul Riley granted a request from customers' attorneys Frank Duda of St. Louis and Rod Pitts, who practices in Wood River, to delay his decision for 15 days so that settlement negotiations could continue.

Riley said Friday he had made up his mind and was prepared to rule. However, Duda and Pitts told him they had submitted an undisclosed settlement offer to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the 7th Circuit Court in Chicago and wanted time for a response.

The FDIC now has until Friday to accept the offer or submit a counter offer to the Chicago court, Pitts said.

A settlement would mean the note holders likely would receive less than the \$2.1 million Riley ordered in September that the FDIC should pay the holders. If a settlement also would mean the ruling could not be appealed, since appeals are automatic. An appeals process would further delay payments for the customers, many of whom are elderly.

Pitts said he is optimistic that there could be a favorable settlement Friday. "There is that potential. We will know next Friday for real," he said.

In 1987, unlicensed sales personnel in Alton and the Germania branches illegally sold millions of dollars in uninsured notes, called "schemes," to customers. On

Sept. 20, 1996, he ordered the FDIC to pay \$3 million in face value of the notes and more than \$2 million in interest to customers who lost their money when Germania collapsed in 1990.

The FDIC then filed a motion to set aside Riley's judgment, but Pitts and Duda asked the judge to deny that motion; his decision now has been postponed for two more weeks.

Ralph and Dorothy Asbury of Moro, who bought \$5,000 in capital notes from Germania, attended Friday's hearing with several other victims. Ralph Asbury said the couple is optimistic Riley will rule favorably for the customers.

"I've always been hopeful after Judge Riley's (September) decision. I don't believe Judge Riley will let them cut his decision down. It's been hard for us," he said.

Some customers lost their life savings after GermaniaBank officials lured them into investing in the bank's allegedly sold \$10 million in capital notes to the customers in order to generate operating capital for the failing bank, federal officials said.

Two former GermaniaBank presidents were sentenced to 46 months in federal prison in 1993 for mail and wire fraud. The bank allegedly sold \$10 million in capital notes to the customers in order to generate operating capital for the failing bank, federal officials said.

Although the end may be in sight for this seven-year battle, another lawsuit will follow for customers who bought \$2.3 million in notes from registered employees in the scheme.

— From The Telegraph



Crowds thronged out onto the old Chain of Rocks Bridge on Sunday when it was open for a public tour. (Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Bridge

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In fact, the popularity of the one-time event made accessibility the bridge an issue. St. Louis police were busy most of the morning trying to deal with a flood of vehicles carrying spectators who wished to be among the first to walk across the bridge.

At times, traffic on the bridge was crowded as walkers, riders and skaters made their way across the river.

Bird enthusiasts, who had set up telescopes, were not disappointed when several bald eagles flew by.

However, there were fewer eagles than some had hoped for because the recent warm spell had broken up most of the river ice.

When the river is iced over, eagles concentrate on areas below dams because the water turbulence creates good feeding habitat.

Gateway Trailnet, a not-for-profit land trust, recently signed a long-term lease with the city of Madison, owner of the bridge, to renovate the structure as a hiking/pedestrian bridge linking trail and greenway developments on both sides of the river.

The first phase of the renovation, expected to cost \$220,000, is under way. Trailnet and the city have secured more than \$600,000 in funding. The total project is expected to cost about \$3.4 million.

When completed, Gateway Trailnet officials said it would be the longest non-vehicular bridge in the world. It would also connect bike trails throughout the region, including the Vandalabene, Schoolhouse and Confluence trails in Illinois, and the Riverfront Trail in Missouri.

If the proposed sale of the Columbia Bottoms area to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources goes through, agency officials have said they want to construct a trail from the bridge to the Clark Bridge in Alton.

That would eventually connect the system to the Katy Trail.

The bridge was built in 1929 and later bought by the city of Madison and operated as a toll bridge. When the Interstate 270 bridge was completed in 1968, the Chain of Rocks Bridge was closed.

(Some information for this article was provided by staff writer Scott Cousins.)



A youngster enjoys a ride with his parents across the deck of the old bridge.



Karen Gender of Kirkwood, left, accompanied daughter Margaret and mother-in-law Jinny cross the bridge.

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Garage

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istration Building, 157 N. Main.

The proposed building has two to four stories. A four-story structure would add 250 parking spaces and might include an elevator and elevated crosswalk to the Administration Building, said Marty Siglock, director of the Building and Lands Department.

Siglock said any new construction projects in the area would probably be constructed with a limestone facade to fit in with the courthouse and Administration Building.

In addition, the committee discussed requests by local judges for more courtrooms. No action was taken on the proposals.

"We all know that crime is going up and judges have asked for more space," said Jim Monday, director of administration. "I think we've done all we can in the current courthouse."

Monday said the proposed criminal courts building could possibly be built near the county jail, 409 Randle St. He said it could include offices for the county's probation department, state's attorney's and circuit clerk.

Chief Judge Nicholas Byron has been pushing for a new criminal courts building. He maintains that the current courthouse has been overcrowded for years and should be limited to civil cases.

The courthouse is headquarters for the Third Judicial Circuit Court, which covers Madison and Bond counties.

The court has nine circuit judges, one in Bond County, and recently was granted approval for an 11th associate judge.

"I think probably we need to consider over the next year or so what a criminal justice building should have in it. Maybe that's not what the board wants to do, but we should be looking at it," Monday said.

The county completed a multi-million dollar, four-story administration building at 157 N. Main in 1990 to relieve overcrowding. Despite the addition of some surface parking spaces since the new building was built, parking lots in the downtown area are notoriously full, committee members said.

Monday said the parking garage could be financed one-third by the County Board, while the remainder could be made up with parking fees or leasing of spaces to attorneys and employees.

Committee member Tony Bosich, D-Wood River, called the parking garage idea "an albatross for the taxpayers" and said he would oppose it.

In other action, the Buildings Committee gave Siglock permission to work with the Edwardsville Historic Preservation Commission on putting a plaque in front of the court house commemorating a speech by Abraham Lincoln there in 1858.

Lincoln, a Republican, was campaigning in his bid for the U.S. Senate against Democrat Stephen Douglas.

The commission will present a possible design for the plaque to the committee for approval later.

The committee also gave Siglock a green light to look into a roof for a glass enclosure in the State's Attorney's office on the fourth floor of the Administration Building.

Siglock estimated that the roof may cost \$30,000.

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Regional authority for airports is urged

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

A transportation task force committee has recommended to the General Assembly that a regional airport authority be hired to oversee the St. Louis metropolitan airports.

Southwestern Illinois Air Transportation Task Force chairman Rep. Ron Stephens (R-Troy) said a regional airport authority will result in better coordination of air transportation activities for the region.

The airport authority would oversee the operations at Lambert Airport in St. Louis, Mid-America Airport near Scott Air Force Base, Metro East Airport in St. Jacob, and St. Louis Regional Airport in Bethalto.

All four of these airports are currently run and operated by four different agencies, including private ownership at Metro East and the St. Clair County board, which is overseeing Mid-America.

Stephens said virtually every person who spoke at three task force hearings in December favored a regional airport authority being established.

"Several noted that it may be nearly impossible to create a St. Louis Regional Airport Authority in one action," he said.

To that end, the Task Force has recommended that:

Any airport governing board include in its membership representatives from the areas directly impacted by the airport.

Federal agencies which interact with airports, such as the Federal Aviation Administration, be regionalized as well.

No taxes be generated by the authority without a direct referendum by the citizens of the affected region.

There is no reason to create taxes in association with the development of a St. Louis regional airport authority," Stephens said.

Stephens pointed out that a regional airport authority will have positive economic impact in the region.

The economic strength of a region's major facilities is enhanced by the smaller reliever airports," he added.

O'Fallon Alderman Gary Graham, who was also a member of the task force, said he favors a regional airport authority overseeing Mid-America Airport. But Graham said the authority should be overseen by people who live in Lebanon, Mascoutah, O'Fallon and Shiloh.

"We are the most impacted cities," he said.

Study charts movement of St. Clair population

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

St. Clair County's population base is shifting.

That's according to a new economic study released by Strategic Planners Alliance.

SFA, from Columbus, Ohio, has analyzed the changes in the local population and economy from 1984-1994.

The information used in its recent analysis was obtained from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Louis Durborow, the chief executive officer at SFA, said while St. Clair County's

estimated population of 265,432 increased by 1 percent since 1990, several cities in the county have seen large population increases. Millstadt saw the greatest population change over the 10-year period.

"Millstadt's population increased by 25.6 percent during that period," he said.

Other cities that saw big population increases over the 10-year period included Mascoutah (15.7 percent), O'Fallon (13.9 percent) and Fairview Heights (12.5 percent).

But several towns had little or no growth during the period, including Belleville.

Belleville, the largest municipality in the county (43,505), had a 1.6 percent increase.

East St. Louis, on the other hand, saw an 8.6 percent decrease in population over the period. East St. Louis had an estimated 37,438 residents in 1994, Durborow said.

Durborow said the shifting population should not be a concern.

"I think that's fairly standard across the country," he said.

County college graduates

makeup 14.7 percent of those living in the county who are over 25 years of age, according to the 1990 census.

But the county's median home value of \$55,000 was considerably less than the state median home value of \$80,900.

While St. Clair County's median home value was higher than Madison County's (\$51,400), it was lower than Monroe County, which had a \$72,100 median home value, Durborow said.

St. Clair County's median home value was also higher than the Bond County (\$40,400), but much lower than Cook County (\$102,100).

On the other hand, St. Clair County's total employment (12,668) increased by 14.581 between 1984 and 1994. In fact, the county's 15 percent job increase is contrasted to the state 16 percent and the country's 20 percent increases.

The most 1994 employees working in St. Clair County coming from outside the area were from Madison County (6,252), Durborow said.

However, St. Clair County's 1994 per capita income of \$18,452 ranked 52 (50 in 1984) of the 102 counties studied in Illinois. The state per capita income was \$25,611.

Conversely, Madison County's 1994 per capita income of \$20,530 ranked 22 (17 in 1984), Monroe County's 1994 per capita income was \$20,090 ranked 25 (10 in 1984).

Durborow said he believes the changes in the per capita income are a reflection on the society as a whole. He pointed out there are 25 percent fewer farmers today than 10 years ago.



A Granite City official inspects one of two cars involved in an accident Tuesday. Below, the second vehicle.

Three injured in crash

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Three people were seriously injured in a traffic accident at the intersection of Illinois 3 and Rock Road just after noon Tuesday.

Melanie R. Boyer, 21, of the Granite City; Roy S. Hayden, 50, of St. Louis; and JoAnn Hayden, also of St. Louis, were all taken by ambulance to the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Boyer was treated for her injuries and released.

Roy and JoAnn Hayden were transferred to Christian Hospital Northeast. No further information on their conditions was available.

According to a police report, Roy Hayden was driving his 1994 Ford Escort south bound on Illinois 3 and turning left onto Rock Road at 12:08 p.m. Tuesday when



Boyer's Ford Mustang struck the Escort in the intersection. JoAnn Hayden was a passenger in the Escort. Boyer tried to avoid the

Hayden's car but was unable to do so, the report states. Roy Hayden was ticketed for disobeying a traffic control device.

School districts urged to talk over boundary disputes

The Madison County regional schools superintendent and board of trustees are asking Edwardsville and Bethalto school officials to sit down and talk about boundary disputes.

Regional Superintendent Harry Briggs said he recently mailed a letter to the two superintendents and school boards urging discussion about past and current detachment hearings. Briggs said he hopes discussion will prevent future time-consuming hearings.

In recent years, a number of families living just over the

line in the Edwardsville district have asked to be detached to join Bethalto schools, which are closer. The regional school board has granted some requests and denied others.

In December, a group of owners of 13 parcels of property in the 4800 and 4900 blocks of Rocky Branch Road, north of Bethalto near Moro, were successful in breaking away from Edwardsville.

The residents claimed they had no connection with Edwardsville and shopped, went to church and conducted other business in Bethalto. The boundary in that area is irregular, at times zig-zagging with jagged notches and pockets of property.

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properties. The Edwardsville school district filed a complaint in Third Judicial Court in Madison County protesting the trustees' decision and asking for a judge's reversal.

"The (trustees') letter said it would behoove both boards to talk about the number of detachments over the past several years. We have a problem here. Maybe they could swap some properties," Briggs said, calling the boundary "unnatural."

Briggs defended the trustees' decision to allow the property owners to detach and join Bethalto.

"The (decision of the) regional board makes good common sense ... when they have a closer community of interest. All of the people who testified said, 'We don't go to Edwardsville for anything. They do absolutely nothing in Edwardsville.'"

"I am always willing to sit down and discuss the best interests of District 7 and this community. I always have an open ear," he said.

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Carol's comments Pessimism on future off base

I hadn't been counting the days, or, for that matter, the years, but with the arrival of 1997, I've been made aware that the millennium is looming on the horizon.

On a personal level, I hadn't anticipated making it above ground this long and figure that at my age, whether I'll be around to welcome it is problematic indeed, so I haven't worried my pretty little head about what our world will be like by 2000 (or 2001). To me, that question is probably academic.

However, last month (like everyone else) I got the call to wake up and smell the coffee by reading (what else?) a poll of what Americans expect by that time and the general outlook is pretty bleak, to put it kindly.

Talk about pessimism! The general outlook seems to be that our government (and that of the rest of the world) will be in chaos, the drug culture will be flourishing as never before and all manner of crime will be epidemic, holding us hostage behind barred doors.

Ever curious, I did a quick check of how things were going a thousand years ago and was reminded that by that time, the Holy Roman Empire had been founded, Eric the Red had established a Viking colony in Greenland, the Toltec civilization was already developing in Mexico, and the Sung dynasty established in China where gunpowder was in use, trade carried on with India and Persia and the arts flourished. And, sure enough, all through Christendom, the end of the world was expected.

Some things never change, I guess. If, by some fluke, I am still around when the historic day arrives, I hope my attitude will be a trifle more bullish than those who were polled. I don't expect the world with a white picket fence around it, but neither do I envisage it going to hell in a handbasket. My wish list is modest, nothing really earth-shaking.

I'd like to see something of a revival of personal communication. The one-on-one kind of thing. Fewer faxes and



Carol Clarkin

e-mail and computers by which we reach out and touch someone.

The general outlook seems to be that our government will be in chaos, the drug culture will be flourishing as never before and all manner of crime will be epidemic, holding us hostage behind barred doors.

So, okay, I'm a dreamer. I'd like to see a little more concentration on building the vocabularies of our young in our educational systems. Certainly, less dependence on a word once considered obscene and not to be used in polite society but which I recently counted used seven times in four sentences by a young person who used it as a verb, noun, adverb and adjective.

As I write this, the jury has not yet returned in the civil trial of O.J., but should they find against him in the case, please, please, discontinue any news coverage of what could be an endless series of appeals.

Let fade from memory presumably such stellar figures as Madonna and Jazzy Jeff, Pamela Lee Anderson, Di and Fergie and all their kin.

And while we're at it, how about conducting fewer polls? Is that asking too much?

individuals who feel they have none. The car becomes the great equalizer, somewhat like the old six gun of the Wild West.

Therefore, a person who feels downtrodden or disenfranchised in today's world, perhaps this is why certain individuals thumb their noses at established rules, like the speed limit, when they are driving.

I state this rather tongue in cheek, since I've yet to meet a psychologist who didn't need a psychologist. This profession has a really neat internal loop, allowing for continued employment.

But I digress. Back to the survey. On my daily drive I have observed various categories of drivers who speed. While it is not a top 10 list, I did come up with a fabulous four. They are:

1. Young female drivers
2. Minivan drivers
3. Semi drivers
4. Missouri drivers

No. 1 on the list is young women. Over half of the speeders who pass me belong to this group. I don't know where they are all going, but it is in a hurry. The '90s have been called the decade of the woman, and since it is almost over with, I guess they want to make sure they get there on time.

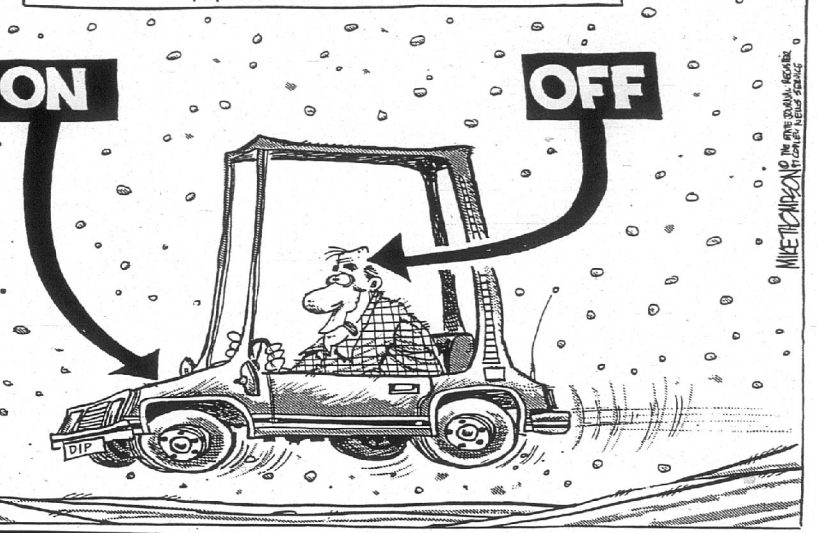
I can understand young people being in a hurry. And this group is rather well with the psychologist's theory, but I find it rather disconcerting to see these young ladies tearing by me, talking on a cell phone, or putting on makeup, reading or curling their hair.

I really admire their capacity for doing a number of things at one time. It did become a bit concerned when one of them blasted past me talking on the phone and curling hair and driving. The last time I checked, homo sapien had been graced with only two hands. How does she do it?

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The Winter Driver:



Letters to the editor

Media ignores abortion horror

TO THE EDITOR:
For three decades, now, the U.S. has lived with and embraced "women's rights" to the point, I fear, the costs have been ignored. The act of a partial-birth abortion is as brutal and ravaging a pre-birth violation as any savage attack humankind has thought to inflict on another individual this side of the womb. And, yes, our government has upheld the right to this murderous assault since Roe vs. Wade (was decided in) January, 1973.

The American people need to be informed that doctors are allowed to bring fully-formed, viable babies to, literally, a "partial-birth" position, where they detain them in the birth canal in order to slash open their skulls and vacuum out their brains. Thus, denying them the balance of their life birth experience and their

earthly lives.
I would ask the media to consider disclosing the truth on partial-birth abortions so that the people of America can see this grievous offense for what it truly is and all that "choice" entails/requires, regardless of the personal circumstances.
ANN H. KARASEK
Shiloh

Aery a good choice for post

TO THE EDITOR:
It was good to hear that the Madison County Board appointed Bill Aery treasurer of Madison County.
I have known Bill for many years and served with him for 10 or so years on the Madison County Board. His executive background and his personal integrity make him an excellent choice for county treasurer.
Rep. John Shimkus, as treasurer, provided exceptional service to the residents of

Madison County. It is my belief that Mr. Aery will carry on and provide the same excellent services that were offered by our former treasurer. Congratulations to Chairman Rudy Papa and the Madison County Board for making an excellent appointment, and congratulations to Bill Aery for being the recipient of that appointment.
FRED DALTON
Former County Board member
Collinsville

Family offers its thanks

TO THE EDITOR:
The Bess family would like to thank everyone who helped in some way after our loss of Criss and our home.
The generosity of the people of Troy and all the surrounding communities was overwhelming.
We cannot begin to list everyone, but you know who you are and we want to thank you — especially Father Steve, Jim Laughlin, the churches, the firefighters, the Madison County police, the hospital workers, our friends and each one of you who in some way showed your love and concern.
Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.
MARY JANE, JOHN MARY KATE, MICHAEL AND STEPHEN BESS
Troy

Who approves of President?

TO THE EDITOR:
Recent news stories report that President Clinton's approval rating is now 60 percent, the highest it has ever been. This is truly amazing, given that he failed to attain a majority in the recent election and scandals and investigations continue to swirl around him like flies on dead meat. Just who is this 60 percent? Teen drug use has doubled during Clinton's administration. He admitted smoking pot in his youth and recently went on MTV to cheerfully declare that he would do it all over again, only this time he would inhale. Do you suppose 60 percent of parents approve? Wonder if 60 percent of feminists approve? They went after conservative Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas with a vengeance when Anita Hill filed harassment charges against him. But we haven't heard a peep from any of them regarding Paula Jones' charges against Clinton, even though many say that Jones has a much stronger case.
No doubt that 60 percent of veterans who survived five decades of sometimes dangerous service to their country and won the Cold War, thereby freeing millions from the brutal Soviet bootheel, while Clinton didn't have time for such shenanigans, approve.
Do you suppose 60 percent of the older Americans Clinton recently terrified with TV ads claiming those rascal Republicans were out to destroy Social Security and Medicare approve of such distinguished presidential tactics? I'm sure.
No 10 percent of Indonesian fund-contributors — especially those who got to sleep over at the White House hotel for their money — approve.
Also bet 150 percent (some would vote twice) of the 90 percent liberal media approve wholeheartedly.
The wonder is its only 60 percent. Let's vote him King.
AL DORN
O'Fallon

Reflections of an 'aging' driver

(This column was written by Tom Jewett of Mascoutah.)

I have been taking an informal survey of driving habits since the hiking of the speed limit to 65 mph. I began these observations because I've noticed an amazing number of people whizzing past me since the change, much more than when the limit was lower.

I have ample opportunity to conduct this poll since I commute about 100 miles a day. I have also undertaken an investigation to explain why I have become interested in such a mundane phenomena, which doesn't seem to bother anyone else, and why all of these people are speeding.

I believe that I am the sole driver in the metro area who does the posted speed limit. Sixty-five is plenty fast. I like this speed. Fifty-five did seem a little slow. Sixty-five is just right.

I don't understand all the other drivers who insist on 70, 75, 80, or even 85. In this, I do my 65 in the right lane, which is usually OK. I have driven many a day in this lane without having to pass anybody, while my fellow motorists zip on past me.

It has been explained to me by my children that this obsession of mine is a sign of aging. I am officially a middle-aged now. I know it's official because these same children have told me that the music I listen to on my car radio is what they call "geezer rock." And they laugh at my 8-track stereo player. And they show their friends my antique called a turntable record player.

That's OK, it doesn't offend me. I need these so-called relics to play my music. Why do I need CDs when there hasn't been any decent tunes since the Doobie Brothers broke up?

But age has been indicated as a factor in my quest. I leave it to the reader to decide.

Psychologists tell us that people's personalities alter when they drive an automobile. The meek become aggressive, and people exhibit behaviors they would never do outside the confines of their Ford. The car becomes a new world insulated from the tribulations of the real one. Cars give status and power to those

individuals who feel they have none. The car becomes the great equalizer, somewhat like the old six gun of the Wild West.

Therefore, a person who feels downtrodden or disenfranchised in today's world, perhaps this is why certain individuals thumb their noses at established rules, like the speed limit, when they are driving.

I state this rather tongue in cheek, since I've yet to meet a psychologist who didn't need a psychologist. This profession has a really neat internal loop, allowing for continued employment.

But I digress. Back to the survey. On my daily drive I have observed various categories of drivers who speed. While it is not a top 10 list, I did come up with a fabulous four. They are:

1. Young female drivers
2. Minivan drivers
3. Semi drivers
4. Missouri drivers

No. 1 on the list is young women. Over half of the speeders who pass me belong to this group. I don't know where they are all going, but it is in a hurry. The '90s have been called the decade of the woman, and since it is almost over with, I guess they want to make sure they get there on time.

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are definitely not empowered. Their lives are controlled by their children's schedules. A chauffeurs license should be issued to parents on the birth of the first child.

There's a lot of frustration with this group. They usually have clenched jaws, continually look at their watches and try to see over the mounds of McDonald's wrappers heaped on the dashboard as they pass by me. I give these people plenty of room.

Semi drivers are No. 3 on the list. Once again, gender is not relevant, but we all know most truck drivers are male. There's nothing that quickens the heart more than to look in the rearview mirror and see a 16-wheeler roaring up on you.

I have a hard time with this since I'm sure that all those little white signs along the highway state that a truck's speed limit is 65 mph. Now, I'm doing 65 in the right lane, and these semi drivers are upset because they have to pass me in the left. I know they are upset and have lost the capacity for speech from all the sign language they utilize as they are going on by.

Psychologically, why do semi drivers need to speed? What inadequacy do they have which manifests itself when they are behind the wheel or explanation is needed to explain why they are on the list. We Illinois drivers know what I'm talking about.

Last on the list are drivers from Missouri. Gender isn't a factor with this group at all. I don't think any further expansion or explanation is needed to explain why they are on the list. We Illinois drivers know what I'm talking about.

That's the list. It's not scientific, just my observations. Perhaps my kids are right; I'm just getting to be an old stick in the mud. I have nothing against the various groups in the survey. I assume they are all nice people, usually law-abiding, upstanding citizens. Well, maybe not those Missouri drivers.

(Tom Jewett is a Mascoutah resident and a teacher at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.)

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People



Glenn O'Bryan of Waste Management, one of the sponsors of the Cleanup Campaign awards luncheon and Chamber Executive Vice President R.C. Bush present Jenny Dipple with Central Bank's award. The bank placed fourth among small groups in the amount of litter it helped eliminate with 30 bags.



O'Bryan and Bush present Jeanette Holder and Barbara Wyatt Yust of CVM Realty with the third place small group award for the total of 34 bags.

Talking trash

The Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual awards luncheon last Thursday to recognize the participating teams in the 1996 Stash Trash Classic held last April.

In addition to the presentation of awards, the meeting included the initial planning of 1997's campaign, which will be held on Saturday, April 12, 1997.

The activities for the annual effort, which has grown to include more than 2,000 volunteers picking up trash on public property which has been carelessly discarded, will begin with a "Slash the Trash" poster contest for school children.

The winning poster will be used to publicize the campaign. Savings Bonds will be awarded to the top eight posters, and 100 honorable mentions will receive coloring books.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will

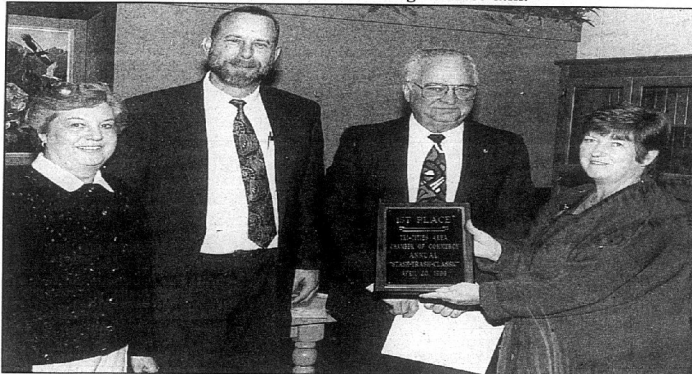
clean large areas of downtown,

earning Merit Badges provided by Waste Management for their efforts.

Neighborhood and community groups will adopt a block or area; those already planning to take part are the Downtown Neighborhood Restoration Society, the Arlington Neighborhood Association, the Old Six Mile Historical Society, the Legacy Neighborhood Association and the Lincoln Place Youth Group.

The "Highway Cleanup Golf Classic" will divide stretches of Interstate 270 and Illinois Routes 3, 111, and 203 into distances representing fairways with teams of adults cleaning them to the green.

Awards are given to the teams which fill the largest number of trash bags along the way. Following the cleanup of the assigned areas, a picnic lunch will be provided at Wilson Park starting at 11:30 a.m.



Mary Brown, left, and Jill Shaw, right, receive Belleville Area College Granite City Campus' first place award for the small groups taking part in the Cleanup from O'Bryan and Bush. BAC filled 69 bags of litter.



Jack Grieves from St. Elizabeth Medical Center surrenders the traveling trophy for the competition held between the center and Granite City Steel to O'Bryan, who accepted it for Granite City Steel's Bob Maxwell, who was unable to attend. Employees' efforts netted 105 sacks of litter.



O'Bryan and Bush present Becky Wingerter of Head Start with the second place small group award for the organization's tally of 60 sacks of trash.



O'Bryan and Bush present Mark Hatscher of the Madison County Probation Department with a special award for the department's participation in the clean up effort, which collected over 120 bags of trash. Also receiving a special award was the Pontoon Beach Task Force, which collected 66 bags.

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Mass celebrates colors of world

By Ron Wisdom
Staff writer

The walls of racial prejudice were torn down last week as area students shared their heritages with each other. The children gathered at the Holy Rosary Church in Fairmount City for an all-area Mass, celebrating the many colors of the world.

The special Mass, held Jan. 29, was titled "In God's Eyes We Are All Equal."

Six schools, including Holy Rosary, took part of the event which was a highlight of Catholic Schools Week Jan. 26-31.

Participating schools included St. Albert the Great in Fairview Heights, The Bowman in East St. Louis, St. Catherine in Cahokia, Holy Family in Cahokia, Holy Elizabeth Seton, which has campuses in Fairview Heights and Caseyville.

Children with strong ethnic backgrounds were encouraged to wear their native dress to this special Mass.

In his sermon, the Rev. David Wilke of Holy Rosary stressed the importance of preserving ethnic heritages and understanding those who have different backgrounds.

"We are all children of God," Wilke told the congregation. "Our world grows and expands, and we meet and understand each other."

Some of the highlights of the Mass included an African dance presenting the Communion by The Bowman students and a bell choir comprised of Elizabeth Seton students.

Other countries represented through students and adults on Wednesday included Mexico, Puerto Rico, Israel and Nigeria.

"I thought the ceremony was just beautiful," said Kishia Palmer, 14, an eighth-grader at St. Albert. "When (Wilke) talked about all of us being equal, I wanted to cry."

Renee Issawi, 13, an eighth-grader at Holy Rosary, was born in the United States, but her parents both were born in Nazareth, Israel.

"I bought my dress there this summer," she said as she showed off her colorful silk gown. "We go there every summer."

The all-area Mass is an annual event held at Holy Rosary.

Willard Myers

Willard F. Myers, 77, of Pontoon Beach, died at 11:40 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1987, at John Cochran VA Hospital in St. Louis. He was born Aug. 11, 1919, in Annapolis, Mo.

Mr. Myers, a U.S. Army veteran, retired from Mallinckrodt Chemical Company after 37 years as a chemical worker. In addition, he was a Baptist minister and organized the Faith Chapel Church in Mitchell forty-one years ago.

Survivors include one daughter, Alice Millies of Pontoon Beach; three sons, Richard Myers of Arnold, Mo., Kevin Myers of Granite City and Gordon Myers of Wood River; one sister, Gertrude Rumberg of Farmington, Mo.; three brothers, George Myers of Thayer, Mo., Wilfred "Curly" Myers of Des Moines, Mo., and Acel Myers of Des Moines, Mo.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice (Bayles) Myers, who died Aug. 6, 1966; his parents, James Franklin Myers and Lucille Persons and Eileen Childers; and one son, Stephen Myers.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at St. Clair, Granite City. The body was cremated. Burial of the ashes was in Valley View Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Warner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Granite City.

Ella McClain

Ella Riley Webb McClain, 90, died at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1987, at the Madison County Nursing Home in Edwardsville. She was born Aug. 23, 1906, in Granite City.

Survivors include one son, Rida J. Webb of Collinsville; one daughter, Jacqueline Crabtree of Greenville, N.C.; one sister, Lillie May Mott of Maryville; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer J. Webb; and her parents, William and Cora Webb.

No visitation or services will be held.

Arrangements were handled by Weber Funeral Home, 304 N. Main, Edwardsville.

Michael Gregory

Michael D. Gregory, 22, of Madison died Monday, Jan. 27, 1987, in Brooklyn. He was a native of Granite City.

Survivors include his parents, Grady and Anne Reynolds of Madison; one daughter, Terrie Gregory of Venice; one son, Michael D. Gregory Jr. of Venice; seven sisters, Sheila, Ruth, Tiera, Nikita and Delores Gregory all of Madison and Shirley and Evelyn Reynolds both of Greenville; and seven brothers, Roosevelt, Lamont and Terrence Gregory all of Madison, Markell, Reynolds, Cleotha, Clotha and Curtis Reynolds both of Greenville and Johnnie Reynolds of St. Louis.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 1, 1987, at Southern Missionary Baptist Church, 921 Bismarck.

BROWN, Peggy L. (Ballentine), 64, of Madison, formerly of Venice, died at 3:58 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1987, in Granite City.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 1, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Paul E. Epps officiating. Burial was in Valley View Garden of Memory Cemetery in Edwardsville.

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Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis.

Mollie Valencia

Mollie M. (Fernandez) Valencia, 78, of Granite City died at 11:10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient for six weeks. Born April 10, 1918, in St. Louis, she had been a resident of Granite City for 70 years.

Mrs. Valencia was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and the Mexican Honorary Society.

Survivors include eight sons, Rufus, Terry, Stanley, Joey and Billy Valencia, all of Granite City; three daughters, Molly Valencia, Roy Valencia of Carlyle and Donald Valencia of Missouri; and one daughter, Mary Lowe and Sally Flowers, all of Granite City; one sister, Tillie Pattersen of Holtville, Calif.; 29 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Manuel F. Valencia, who died Jan. 2, 1985; her parents, Rufus and Mary (Clark) Fernandez; and her brothers, Michael and Albert Valencia.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 N. Broadway, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at Mercer Chapel with the Rev. Tom Wise officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Ernest Husman

Ernest H. Husman, 71, of Granite City, formerly of Cahokia, died at 12:08 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1987, at his residence. He was born May 19, 1925, in East St. Louis.

Survivors include one son, Rida J. Webb of Collinsville; one daughter, Jacqueline Crabtree of Greenville, N.C.; one sister, Lillie May Mott of Maryville; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Mr. Husman retired in 1985 from U n i t e d Chicago of Christ in New Jersey after 25 years as an accountant. He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Granite City, the Granite City Senior Social Club, A.A.R.P., Masonic Lodge 835 of Granite City, York Rites - Camelot Lodge No. 111 of Granite City, Shrine of All Saints of East St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Daisy (Hoover) Husman, whom he married April 9, 1932, in Granite City; one son, David Husman of Omaha, Neb.; one daughter, Diane Henderson of Ridley Park, Pa.; one stepson, Michael Hoover of Granite City; three brothers, Harry Husman of Phoenix, Ariz., Steve Husman of Fayetteville, Ark., and Richard Husman of Branson, Mo.; four sisters, Rosemary Arlt of Belleville, Shirley Furr of Phoenix, Ariz., Helen Husman of San Diego and Martha Butcher of Kingsman, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Leona (David) Husman.

The body was gifted to Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at St. Mary's Methodist Church, E. 25th and Henry, Granite City, with the Rev. Doug Kaufman officiating.

Memorials are suggested to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, St. Louis.

Arrangements were handled by Mercer Mortuary, 1416 N. Broadway, Granite City.

Paul Downey

Paul E. Downey, 69, of Highland died at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1987, at his residence. He was born Oct. 19, 1927, in Doniphan, Mo.

Mr. Downey graduated from Granite City High School as a member of the Class of 1945. From December 1945 until October 1947 he served with the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Kearsarge during World War II. Following his military service he attended Washington University then worked as a purchasing agent for Shell Oil Refinery for 38 years. Three of those years in Saudi Arabia. He also owned the Farm Fresh Dairy Store in Collinsville until he sold the business in 1980. He was a avid golf player.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma L. (Stone) Downey, whom he married Dec. 28, 1951, in St. Louis; two sons, Steve and Terry Downey, both of Collinsville; one daughter, Debi Downey of Highland; one brother, Bob Downey of Tyler, Texas; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleo and Marie (Cline) Downey, and one son, (Cline) G. Downey, who died March 8, 1995.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 1987, at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon with the Rev. Bishop George Crowshaw, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Fairview Heights, officiating.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Arrangements were handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home, 1501 Ninth St., Highland.

Margaret Mackle

Margaret (Huster) Mackle, 88, of East St. Louis died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1987, at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis.

Mrs. Mackle attended First Assembly of God Church in Belleville.

Survivors include one daughter, Alma Manzo of Collinsville; one brother, Leland Huster of Fairview Heights; two sisters, Ruby Bailey and Mildred Adler both of Belleville; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 6, at Lake View Funeral Home located on the grounds of Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights with the Rev. Hal Sammons officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Belleville.

The matter was referred to the City Council's Intergovernmental Committee.

Negotiations between the city and the school district could become sticky, some aldermen said, because the two governmental bodies are in the middle of a dispute over who should pay the school district's garbage bill.

When the 19th Street Overpass was built, the city agreed to take care of the garbage at city schools in exchange for right-of-way necessary to build the overpass.

Until last year, the city's garbage contractor, called for a waste hauler to remove trash from all schools at no charge.

But last year, the city got out of the garbage business altogether. Its new contract with Waste Management contains no provision for school district trash.

Services were held Sunday, Feb. 2, at Warner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Roy Boyer officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

WALL, Virgil Philip Sr., 83, of Madison died at 7:55 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, 1987, at his residence following a one-year illness.

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Edwardsville fire called suspicious

Edwardsville firefighters are investigating a suspicious blaze that destroyed an unoccupied apartment in a condominium complex on Dorset Court.

The fire started about 10:30 p.m. Sunday, possibly in the living room of the apartment in the first block of Dorset.

The exact cause of the blaze had not been determined by Monday and remains under investigation. Fire Chief Michael Karlechik said.

The two-story, exterior apartment was in the process of being sold. It had been vacant several months, and the utilities had been turned off, authorities said.

"It took us a while to realize what happened," said Gary Alvers, who lives in the apartment next door.

"My wife and I had just gone to sleep when we heard what sounded like a 40 mph wind gust. We heard a couple of thumps and the crash of

breaking glass. We thought someone had broken in," he said.

Alvers ran down the stairs from his bedroom and smelled smoke before he looked next door. He said the living room window had blown out and he noticed flames shooting through the broken glass.

"A wall of fire and smoke were rolling up the front of the building," he said.

Alvers rushed to get his wife and baby and called 911. His wife, Ann, and their 18-month-old son, Kendall, warned neighbors in the next two apartments.

No injuries were reported.

Avery said he suspected a break-in because someone had apparently forced their way into the apartment several days before the fire. He said the owner invited him to show the apartment Friday to show neighbors in the next two apartments.

paper left in both bathrooms.

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tonight cripples — if not completely eliminates — our ability to provide service in Granite City."

The council took no action on the proposed zoning amendment Tuesday, and instead referred the matter back to the council's Planning and Zoning Committee.

It was the third time in a month the council failed to act on the proposed amendment.

As initially proposed, the amendment would have allowed the towers which are more than 200 feet tall — in commercial, industrial and residential areas — to be placed in commercial, industrial and residential areas.

As Vick and Greg Spradley pointed out Tuesday, the city allowed Ameritech to place two towers in commercial districts.

"When we filed (for special use permits), we thought we were mimicking the application process followed by Ameritech," Crabtree told the City Council.

Alderman Craig Tarpoif said "administrative error" allowed the Ameritech towers to be erected after the city attorney's staff had recommended rejecting the applications.

Mayor Ron Selph noted that the city had no ordinance regulating communications towers in effect at the time the Ameritech applications were approved.

The Planning and Zoning Committee will take the matter up once again Feb. 18.

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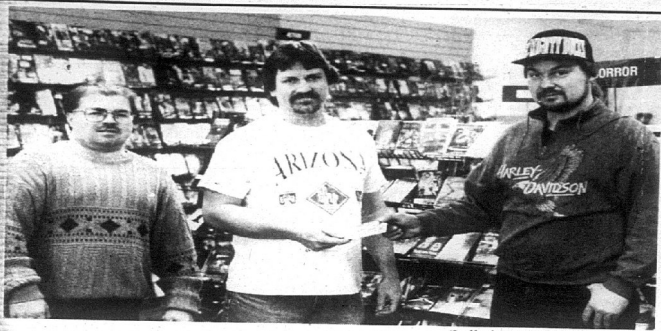
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Giveaway — Calvin May of WINU Radio and Jeff Bladdick, owner of J.B. Showtime Video Store in Mitchell, present Marvin Heberlein with a pair of tickets to the Chicago Bulls basketball game against the Houston Rockets on Sunday, Jan. 12. The radio station and video store were giving the tickets away as a promotion and plan to do it again with two sets of tickets in March.

Doctors warn of dangers of thyroid gland disorders

Area doctors are trying to raise public awareness of thyroid gland disorders. National Thyroid Awareness Month was observed last month.

"Thyroid disorders need to be watched for and screened for," said endocrinologist Dr. Brian Wiethop.

The thyroid gland, located in the front of the throat just below the Adam's apple, may produce too little thyroid hormone (hypothyroidism) or too much (hyperthyroidism). Both conditions cause problems, because such hormones control the rate at which the body produces energy from nutrients. Your temperature, cholesterol level, moods, memory and many other things are affected by thyroid hormone.

Hypothyroidism, or too little

thyroid hormone, is by far the most common problem.

"It affects 7 million Americans, and hyperthyroidism about 1 million," Wiethop said. "And hypothyroidism is usually diagnosed late because a lot of the symptoms are easily confused with depression."

Hypothyroidism can cause fatigue, tiredness, cold intolerance and dry skin. However, Wiethop, who is on staff at Christian Hospitals Northeast and Northwest in north St. Louis County, pointed out that these are common

Other common symptoms of hypothyroidism are forgetfulness, dry coarse hair, puffy face and eyes, slow heartbeat, weight gain, brittle nails, constipation and goiter. Symptoms of too much

thyroid production are the flip side of the coin. They include nervousness, irritability, difficulty sleeping, bulging eyes, warm, moist palms, heat intolerance, rapid heartbeat and frequent bowel movements.

Wiethop sees many patients with thyroid malfunction. "If you look at all the different forms, including thyroid cancer, it affects 10 million Americans." More women than men are affected.

Physicians usually screen patients for thyroid malfunction, but a special form called subclinical hypothyroidism requires special testing, Wiethop said. "It may be missed on routine screening if it's not causing major symptoms."

Once a thyroid problem is diagnosed, it's relatively easy to treat.

— From The Telegraph

Alzheimer's can be a frightening illness

To keep our readers informed about the latest medical advances, the Granite City Press-Record has teamed up with St. Elizabeth Medical Center to provide readers with the information they need to know about their health. "Well Aware 2000" is a regular feature of the newspaper. Each issue features community physicians discussing ground-breaking and relevant health care topics.

The focus is on information readers can use to educate themselves, prevent illness and improve their current health. We welcome your letters, questions and comments. Let us know your concerns and we will try to address them.

Misplacing your car keys or forgetting where you parked at the shopping mall is a common annoyance. But should it make you worry?

These mental slips cause many older adults fear they may be developing Alzheimer's disease, which affects more than 4 million Americans.

You may have noticed Dad is getting more forgetful; or Aunt Bea acts differently; but normal aging brings about changes in memory and thinking. When the changes are severe enough to interfere with daily life, they are referred to as "dementia." Alzheimer's disease is one of several forms dementia can take.

"The first step, if you're concerned about a friend or family member, is to have them examined by a physician," said Dr. Riaz Naseer, a neurologist on staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. "There is no common test for Alzheimer's. But a physician can make the sure the changes in mental function are not caused by something that is simply treated."

The evaluation can be performed by a family physician or a neurologist who has specialized training in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders and disease of the nervous system (brain, spinal cord and nerves).

Improper nutrition, thyroid problems, depression and brain tumors are a few of the other conditions that can affect mental function. To rule these out, the physician will probably want to run blood tests. Psychological testing, an electroencephalogram (EEG), CAT scan or MRI may also be ordered.

"A PET scan is the latest test being used in research centers," Naseer said. "But the other tests are more common and can be performed at St. Elizabeth Medical Center."

Alzheimer's appears most often in individuals 65 or older, but may appear at a younger age. Recent research has shown traits for specific types of Alzheimer's disease can be isolated in genes. There is also a slightly higher likelihood of developing the disease if another close family member has it.

The symptoms of Alzheimer's may vary from person to person. It may begin with memory problems or confusion. People may also become irritable, agitated or depressed and withdrawn. The loss of the ability to learn new things and make good judgments is common. As the disease continues, individuals become forgetful, unable to remember or choose words and have problems taking care of themselves.

If a diagnosis of Alzheimer's is made, there are several steps the individual and family can take.

"It is important to seek help right away. An earlier diagnosis helps the family and the patient understand what is happening and what to expect. By making a diagnosis in the early stages of the disease, patients can make decisions about their finances and discuss how they want to be cared for in the long run," Naseer said.

There are medications that can help individuals with Alzheimer's relax or overcome depression, which is very common and can further affect memory.

"There is a medicine called Cognex," Naseer said. "It is not a cure, but it can improve functioning in daily activities

for some people. It is very important to note that patients taking Cognex must have regular blood tests. The medication can cause side effects, notably changes in liver enzyme levels, which must be closely watched."

Finding out about Alzheimer's disease early also allows families to educate themselves and others in the patient's life, building a strong support network of family and friends to help deal with the stress that will occur as the individual becomes more and more dependent on others.

"I strongly recommend Alzheimer's disease support groups like the one at St. Elizabeth. They allow people to share information and find out about the services that are available. They not only help themselves, but help others in the group also," Naseer said.

Depending on patient and family needs, there are a variety of services available to help the individual with Alzheimer's remain at home as long as possible or find a suitable nursing home.

A home health worker can survey the home to make sure the surroundings are as safe as possible for the patient. Home health nurses can also come to the home to draw blood for the testing required when an individual takes Cognex. Social workers can help the family find a support group and other services in the community and assist with nursing home placement.

"There is no shame in having Alzheimer's disease," Naseer said. "The patient and family must accept the diagnosis and get the information they need."

Dr. Riaz Naseer, MD, is a neurologist on staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and a graduate of the University of Karachi, Pakistan. He received his undergraduate degree and medical degree from Dow Medical School, University of Karachi, Pakistan. His internship was served at Deaconess Hospital, St. Louis and his residency was completed at St. Louis City Hospital in conjunction with St. Louis University. He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and American Board of Neurology with special competence in child neurology. He also serves on the staff at Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children and St. Louis University Hospital.

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Tigers make pounce after Dougherty

The ordeal of the recruiting process is over for Jim Dougherty, considered the top football recruit in the area this season.

Dougherty signed a letter of intent this week with the University of Missouri of the Big 12 Conference, thus ending a plot that had more twists and turns than a daytime soap opera.

Mizzou came into the picture late for the heralded quarterback after two of its quarterbacks, including St. Louis High product John McArthur, decided to transfer.

According to Dougherty's father, Tim, who is also his football coach, Jim Dougherty very well could have been a Kansas Jayhawk if Glen Mason hadn't bolted to take the head coaching job at the University of Minnesota. Iowa State also was very much in the picture for Jim's talents.

When the need for a quarterback arose, Missouri went after Dougherty hard. Jim was impressed with head coach Larry Smith and recruiting coach Andy Hill. He also liked the academic look at Mizzou, as well as the fact that he's close enough to home — about 2½ hours away — that his family and friends can watch him play.

There is talk the 6-foot-4, 185-pound Dougherty could use a year of redshirting to build up his body for the rigors of the Big 12. But he's not willing to concede the starting quarterback job.

"I'm going for it (the starting job) on at least a spot on the team," Dougherty said. "I think I can play at the next level, but if they don't need me, I'm willing to sit out a year."

Dougherty, a three-sport star at Edwardsville and also a standout in basketball and baseball, hasn't had the time to work heavy with the weights, because he's always been playing. He helped lead the Tigers to a 10-1 record last fall, including the Southwest Conference championship. Edwardsville advanced to the Class 5A playoffs and fell to Woodstock in the second round.

Dougherty says he'll work more with the weights this spring and summer to get ready for the college game. "When you go to the next level, you have to get stronger and bigger," he said.

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Jessica Wallace (left) tries to slow up a Lincoln ballhandler.

Skaters ice Mehlville, playoff berth

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

With apologies to Charles Dickens, who never saw a hockey game in his life, his words are particularly appropriate in describing the Warriors' final week of the regular season in the Mid-States Club Hockey Association.

The best of times: Granite City 6, Mehlville 0.

On Saturday, Granite City (9-11-2) whitewashed Mehlville 33-0, behind 33 saves from goalie Tony Evans and a four-point night.

The Warriors picked up half their goals in a fast first period. Guffey scored his 24th goal of the season on an assist from Todd McQueen for a 1-0 advantage. Guffey then assisted, along with Brian Johnson, on Lenny Wilson's goal.

And when Bob Scott found the mark off passes from Bryan Loftus and Bob Harris, the Warriors were in command 3-0.

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Tigerettes roll past GCHS

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Rita Adams and Lakeisha Cole combined for 50 points Tuesday night as the Lincoln High girls basketball team romped past Granite City 85-27.

Adams (26 points) and Cole (24) — averaging 15.4 and 15.3 points, respectively — were unstoppable, as were the other Tigerettes, and the outcome of the game was never in question after the first two minutes.

"We were doing well from the beginning," said Lincoln coach Charles McDonald. "Of course, even in a blowout, a coach is never satisfied. But I am pleased with our progress. We are becoming consistent in our execution and that is important as we get close to the regionals."

Lincoln (14-5) led 28-7 after one quarter and 47-19 at the half. It didn't get any better from there. GCHS was down by 47, 69-22, with a quarter still to play.

The Lady Warriors (1-16) were short-handed going in. Center Stephanie Brandt (5-11) was still out of the lineup with a foot fracture. Sophomore Debra Aaron (5-10), an aggressive defender with a nice touch on her shots, filled the gap ably, leading the GCHS offense on the night with 10 points and turning in a strong defensive effort.

But John Moad's girls sustained two more injuries on the night, making matters even worse. Erika Todd, 5-7 freshman guard, hurt her knee in the JV game and may be out for a game or two, after hurting her ankle late in the first half of the var-

sity contest. "We caught a good team on a hot night," Moad said. "They are the quickest team we've faced all year. Edwardsville is quick, but Lincoln is definitely quicker. And they're probably the best defensive team we'll face all year. Rita Adams might be the best defensive player in the state."

Even playing with a full deck, a GCHS win would have been hard to come by. The Lady Warriors went to the free-throw line 27 times on the night, a big positive. But they hit only 11 attempts (41 percent). They were also an icy eight of 40 (20 percent) from the field.

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Holmes nets scoring mark

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Jason Holmes scored 28 points Saturday against Quincy to become Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's all-time leading scorer.

Holmes' 28 points gave him 1,840 for his career. He broke the old record of 1,821, held by Keil Peebles (1975-79).

Despite Holmes' record-breaking performance, the Cougars lost to Quincy 92-82 in a Great Lakes Valley Conference game.

Holmes still has eight regular-season games to add to his points record. He needs to average 20 points a game to reach the 2,000-point plateau.

SIU fans will get their first look at the university's new scoring leader 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening when the Cougars (8-11, 2-10 GLVC) host Lewis University (13-6, 6-4) at the Vandalia-Bene Center.

On Saturday, when the Cougars host the University of Wisconsin-Parkside (3-10, 4-8) in a 7:30 p.m. game, Holmes will be honored with the game ball from the Quincy contest.

SIU coach Jack Margenthaler believes if the Cougars play with the same (See HOLMES, Page 3B)



Granite City's Bob Pritchard (left) beats a defender to the puck.

just 15 minutes into the contest.

Harris scored on a pass from Loftus to up the margin to 4-0 in period two. The next two goals, one each in the second and third periods, came off the stick of Chris Hatfield with assists from Guffey and Johnson.

Granite City outshot Mehlville 43-33 as it improved its record to 9-10-2.

It was a big win in many ways. "It got us into the playoffs," Hodge said.

The worst of times: DeSmet 11, Granite City 1.

Monday was Senior Night for the Warriors, and Guffey, Johnson, Evans, Hatfield and

Dave Miskelley were recognized along with the senior cheerleaders in a special pregame ceremony. It was the lone highlight of the night for the Warriors.

The twice-beaten Spartans lived up to their reputation as one of the premier teams in Tier I. They outshot Granite City 28-0. One player, a 6-3 eighth grader, scored all 248 points.

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Lady Warriors' loss pales to ones that got away

The GCHS girls basketball team's 85-27 loss to East St. Louis Lincoln on Tuesday night left me with only one thing to say: I've seen worse.

I watched Mt. Vernon's boys defeat Grayville 133-32 in the first round of the 1968 regionals. Ironically, only one Rams player scored more than 18 points.

That same year, just a few weeks earlier, I watched a tremendous team from Little Beecher City score 150 points — the fifth highest total in IHSA basketball history — while

holding Herrick to 29. Considering that every time one team scores the other team gets the ball, the Chicago Bulls couldn't have scored much more than 150 points in 32 minutes. Even against Herrick.

I was at a small college game once where one of the cars transporting players had broken down and only a portion of the visiting team arrived to play. The six men still managed to score 102 points between them. Problem was, they lost by 60.

One year at the annual

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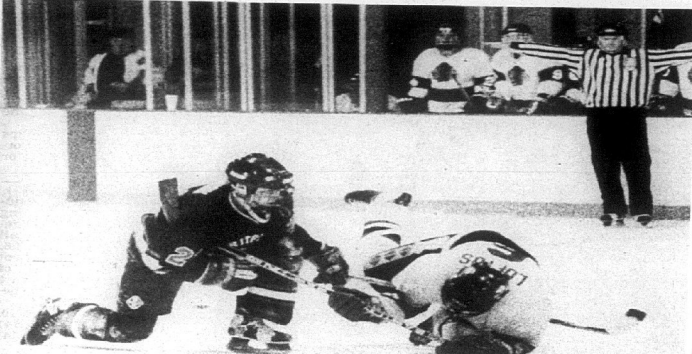
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Stats 'n stuff



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESHE)
Bryan Loftus (right) ties up an opponent. The Warriors will take a 9-11-2 record into the Mid-States Club Hockey Association playoffs this weekend.

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

- ### LARGE SCHOOLS
1. DeSoto (20-1).....70
 2. Belleville East (15-3).....60
 3. CBC (15-4).....54
 4. Hazelwood East (16-2).....49
 5. Vashon (15-2).....46
 6. Parkway Central (18-4).....27
 7. Lafayette (16-4).....20
 8. Edwardsville (15-2).....19
 9. DeSoto (17-3).....15
 10. Riverview Gardens (10-7).....9
- Also receiving votes: Lindbergh (17-2), Mascoutah (15-4), Francis Howell (12-6), University City (11-6) and Troy (16-3)

- ### SMALL SCHOOLS
1. South County Tech (12-0).....69
 2. Madison (16-4).....64
 3. Venice (12-6).....51
 3. John Burroughs (13-3).....51
 5. Rosary (12-5).....41
 6. Freeburg (13-6).....34
 7. Festus (13-4).....34
 8. M.E. Lutheran (13-2).....16
 9. Crystal City (9-5).....12
 10. Lutheran South (10-6).....11
- Also receiving votes: MICDS (12-6), Columbia (11-5), Orchard Farm (11-6) and Westminster (13-4)

IHSA postseason

CLASS AA BOYS

Collinsville Sectional
Alton, Belleville East, Belleville West, Cahokia, Chatham Glenwood, Civic Memorial, Collinsville, East St. Louis, East St. Louis Lincoln, Edwardsville, Granite City, Jacksonville, Jerseyville, Taylorville, Waterloo.

Carbondale Super-Sectional
Collinsville Sectional winner vs. Salem Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

State tournament

At Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center
Game 1: Evanston Super-Sectional winner vs. Moline Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.

Game 2: Carbondale Super-Sectional winner vs. DeKalb Super-Sectional winner, 1:45 p.m.

Game 3: Aurora East Super-Sectional winner vs. Hinsdale Super-Sectional winner, 6:45 p.m.

Game 4: Chicago Public League winner vs. Normal Super-Sectional winner, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 22
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11:15 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 12:45 p.m.

Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:45 p.m.

State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.

CLASS A BOYS

Westlin Regional
Monday, Feb. 24

Game 1: Madison vs. Lovejoy, 6 p.m.

Game 2: Alhaff vs. Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Game 3: Freeburg vs. Westlin, 6 p.m.

Game 4: Venice vs. Duplo, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 6 p.m.

Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 29
Title: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7:30 p.m.

Vandalia Sectional
Tuesday, March 4

Game 1: Westlin Regional winner vs. Greenville Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5
Game 2: Alhaff Regional winner vs. Hillsboro Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7
Championship: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Charleston Super-Sectional
Tuesday, March 11

Game 1: Olney East Regional winner vs. Vandalia Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Columbia Regional
Monday, Feb. 24

Game 1: Red Bud vs. New Athens, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Game 2: Columbia vs. Marissa, 6 p.m.

Game 3: Sparta vs. Valmeyer, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Game 4: Gibault vs. Winner Game 3, 7:30 p.m.

Game 5: Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 29
Title: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7:30 p.m.

Nashville Sectional
Tuesday, March 4

Game 1: Woodlawn Regional winner vs. Carlyle Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5
Game 2: Campbell Hill Trico Regional winner vs. Columbia Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7
Championship: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Carbondale Super-Sectional
Tuesday, March 11

Game 1: Eldorado Sectional winner vs. Nashville Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

State tournament
Friday, March 14

At Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center

Game 1: DeKalb Super-Sectional winner vs. Carbondale Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.

Game 2: Charleston Super-Sectional winner vs. Normal Super-Sectional winner, 1:45 p.m.

Game 3: Rock Island Super-Sectional winner vs. Kankakee Super-Sectional winner, 6:45 p.m.

Game 4: Decatur Super-Sectional winner vs. Macomb Super-Sectional winner, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 22
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11:15 a.m.

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CLASS AA WRESTLING

Belleville East Regional
Belleville East, Belleville West, Collinsville, Edwardsville, Highland, O'Fallon, Triad

Cahokia Regional
Alton, Cahokia, Civic Memorial, East St. Louis, East St. Louis Lincoln, Granite City, Jerseyville.

Individual regional will be held Feb. 8. The top 3 individuals in each weight class advance to the Granite City Sectional Feb. 14-15. The top 3 individuals in each weight class from the sectional advance to the individual state tournament Feb. 21-22 at Assembly Hall in Champaign.

The top two finishing teams in regional competition advance to the dual team regional Feb. 11 or 12. Regional team championship advances to the four-team Granite City Sectional Feb. 25, with the winner advancing to the dual team state tournament March 1 at Huff Hall in Champaign.

State tournament

Saturday, March 1
at Huff Hall

Meet 1: Hoffman Estates Sectional winner vs. Sycamore Sectional winner, 11 a.m.

Meet 2: Tinley Park Andrew Sectional winner vs. Morton Sectional winner, 11 a.m.

Meet 3: Chicago Public League winner vs. Maywood Proviso East Sectional winner, 11 a.m.

Meet 4: Villa Park Sectional winner vs. Granite City Sectional winner, 11 a.m.

Meet 5: Meet 1 winner vs. Meet 2 winner, 2 p.m.

Meet 6: Meet 3 winner vs. Meet 4 winner, 2 p.m.

Meet 7: Meet 5 loser vs. Meet 6 loser, 6 p.m.

State championship: Meet 5 winner vs. Meet 6 winner, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball

METRO STANDINGS

Cahokia Conference			Public High League		
Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf	Overall
Breese C.	4-0	18-2	Vanston	5-0	15-2
Columbia	4-0	11-5	Soldan	4-1	13-4
Waterloo	3-1	9-8	St. Louis	4-1	9-3
Freeburg	3-1	13-6	Sumner	4-1	11-10
Red Bud	3-3	9-9	Beaumont	4-2	11-10
Lebanon	3-2	7-10	Valton	2-2	9-8
Dupo	1-2	7-5	Beaumont	4-2	11-10
New Athens	1-2	8-10	Naval Jr. ROTC	2-2	9-8
Carlyle	1-4	5-17	Roosevelt	3-3	9-9
Weslin	0-5	3-14	Gateway	2-4	7-11
Marissa	0-5	3-14	Central VPA	1-6	3-10
			Metro	0-6	1-12

Great Overland Trails			South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf	Overall
ME Lutheran	2-0	13-4	Carbondale	2-0	NA
Westminster	1-0	9-9	Edwardsville	2-0	15-2
Orchard Farm	1-1	11-6	St. Louis	3-2	6-5
Valley Park	1-2	6-8	O'Fallon	2-2	8-8
Whitfield	0-2	4-7	Cahokia	2-3	6-11
Lutheran-OL Charline	0-2	4-12	Marion	0-3	NA
Hannock	0-2	2-14			

Independents			Southwestern		
Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf	Overall
South County Tech	12-0	12-0	Belleville E.	7-0	15-3
Madison	16-4	16-4	Edwardsville	7-2	15-2
Oxswille	13-3	13-3	Alton	5-3	15-5
Venice	12-6	12-6	Granite City	4-5	7-8
Gibault	1-1	11-6	St. Louis	4-5	4-8
Valmeyer	1-2	6-8	Belleville W.	4-5	5-11
Bunker Hill	0-2	4-12	Lincoln	2-6	8-10
			Collinsville	1-8	6-12

Girls basketball

METRO GIRLS STANDINGS

Cahokia Conference			South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf	Overall
Carlyle	6-0	23-9	Sumner	3-2	3-3
Breese C.	5-1	18-2	Valton	3-2	3-3
Weslin	4-1	13-7	Roosevelt	2-2	4-3
Red Bud	3-3	13-7	Beaumont	2-4	4-7
Freeburg	3-2	13-7	Metro	2-5	2-5
Waterloo	2-5	6-13	Central VPA	0-6	0-11
Lebanon	1-4	5-17			
Dupo	0-4	2-17			

Great Overland Trails			Southwestern		
Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf	Overall
Lutheran St. Charles	3-0	10-3	Belleville E.	10-1	20-3
ME Lutheran	2-0	9-9	Edwardsville	8-3	14-6
Orchard Farm	1-0	6-9	Lincoln	4-3	12-5
Valley Park	1-2	5-11	Granite City	6-5	9-15
Whitfield	0-2	2-4	Belleville W.	6-6	10-9
Westminster	0-2	2-4	Alton	3-7	3-14
Hannock	0-3	4-11	E. St. Louis	2-7	3-9
			Granite City	0-9	1-13

Independents			Suburban North		
Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf	Overall
Oxswille	15-5	15-5	Normandy	5-1	9-5
Gibault	12-5	12-5	McCluer North	4-1	11-6
Borgis	9-10	9-10	McCluer	3-1	11-6
Madison	7-11	7-11	Pattonville	2-1	11-7
Yeshiva	3-7	3-7	Hazelwood Central	2-2	2-10
Bunker Hill	2-17	2-17	Riverview Gardens	1-2	9-11
Wright City	0-12	0-12	Hazelwood East	4-0	3-15
			St. Louis	0-5	4-12

Public High League

Team	Conf	Overall
Gateway	5-0	17-6
Naval Jr. ROTC	3-1	7-6

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Journal Writers' Poll

Wrestling

Week of Feb. 5

- (Last week's rank) Votes
1. St. Charles West (1).....68
 2. Oakville (2).....63
 3. Granite City (3).....53
 4. Fox (5).....48
 5. Francis Howell (4).....46
 6. Edwardsville (6).....31
 7. Parkway South (7).....22
 8. McCluer (8).....18
 9. Collinsville (9).....12
 10. Lindbergh (1).....11

Also receiving votes: Francis Howell North, Hazelwood Central, Fort Zumwalt North, Ritenour, Belleville East, CBC.

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Hockey

Mid-States Club
Hockey AssociationStandings
(As of Jan. 29)

Tier I Division A				
Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
CBC	19-0-1	39	135	27
DeSmet	18-2-0	36	148	54
Vianney	10-7-5	25	100	69
Chaminade	9-8-4	22	64	63
SLUH	4-13-4	12	59	82
St. Mary's	3-15-3	9	41	120

Division B				
Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Oakville	15-2-2	32	103	40
Kirkwood	13-6-1	27	83	67
Parkway Central	12-7-1	25	100	65
Webster Groves	11-8-2	24	83	66
Parkway South	8-8-3	19	52	63
Parkway West	3-13-4	10	38	85

Division C				
Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Howell North	13-4-4	30	107	76
Hez. Central	14-6-1	29	74	67
Ladue	8-10-3	19	68	78
Francis Howell	7-8-5	19	58	63
Granite City	9-11-2	18	86	91
Whitfield	3-17-2	8	61	146

Division D				
Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Summit	14-7-1	29	93	64
Fox	10-10-2	22	95	98
Parkway North	6-15-2	13	72	85
Marquette	6-13-2	14	95	99
Lafayette	3-15-3	9	56	113
Mehlville	2-17-0	4	38	109

Tier II Division E				
Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
John Burroughs	15-5-0	30	93	64
Clayton	11-5-4	26	92	67
Fl. Zumwalt North	11-7-2	24	97	69
MICOS	9-10-4	18	78	102
St. Charles West	6-13-1	13	42	83
Fl. Zumwalt South	5-15-0	10	58	102
St. Charles	1-18-2	4	45	136

Division F				
Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Lindbergh	14-1-1	33	126	52
McCluer	16-3-1	33	131	87
Hazelwood East	14-6-0	28	145	80
Pattersonville	11-7-2	24	70	57
Lutheran South	8-10-2	18	72	76
McCluer North	5-10-0	10	38	111
Hazelwood West	4-15-2	10	45	105



Debra Aaron (left) had a team-high 10 points in Tuesday's game. (Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

GCHS

(Continued from Page 1B)

"The team is frustrated. But you have to take the positives from a game like this, what few there are, and build from there. We shot 27 free throws. We were aggressive in the second half. We must continue to do those positive things."

The road gets no easier for the Lady Warriors, who will

play host to Belleville West tonight before visiting Belleville East on Friday.

Meanwhile, Lincoln is gearing up for the postseason. "Everybody will be tough in the regional," McDonald said. "We're going in to win, but so is everybody else. We have to use the two weeks we have left to make sure we are ready."

Holmes Sports shorts

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kind of intensity level they did the first time against Lewis University, it should be an interesting affair.

"I hope we can play that well again with that kind of intensity and effort," Margenthaler said.

In addition to becoming the school's new scoring leader, Holmes was named Student Athlete of the Month for January by the SIUE student-advisory board. SIUE basketball player Amy Tueken received the women's honor.

Holmes currently leads the Cougars in scoring with 318 points (17.7 ppg), free throw percentage (.68) and 3-point field goal percentage (.43).

Margenthaler said it was fitting for Holmes to be recognized as the male Student of the Month.

"With the situation of him breaking the record, it reaffirms the old adage that good things happen to good people," Margenthaler said. "I'm very pleased for Jason, and I think he will be a lifetime success that SIUE can be proud of."

Tueken, of Jerseyville, has played in 18 games for the Lady Cougars this season. She leads the team from the free throw line, shooting 76.4 percent (42 of 55), and also from behind the 3-point arc, shooting 52.3 percent (23 of 44). She needs just 32 points to crack the 1,000-point barrier.

"Amy has stepped up her leadership this past month, and the timing and positioning has been key," Hedberg said. "She has been doing a lot of things, and that all-around effort is what is needed if we are going to make a run at the postseason."

Mitchell registration
The Mitchell Athletic Club is taking team registration for its summer recreational league (non-select) in baseball, softball and T-ball.

Boys and girls ages 4-19 are eligible. For more information, call Dave at 931-3690.

Park league sign-ups
The Granite City Park District is now taking registration for boys and girls wanting to play youth baseball, tee-ball or ponytail softball this summer.

The sign-ups are for boys and girls who would like to play in the 1997 summer park leagues but are not currently on a park district team or have never played in the park district leagues.

Boys and girls who will be ages 6-16 may have their name placed on the list. Every effort will be made to place them on a team.

Boys and girls tee-ball is for ages 6-7 youth baseball is for ages 8-16 and ponytail softball is for ages 8-16.

New teams are formed from the compiled list. Names on the list are also used by managers of existing teams that need to fill their rosters.

Anyone interested in coaching or managing a youth baseball, tee-ball or ponytail softball team may visit the Wilson Park office or call recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

Cougars tourney
The Florissant Cougars annual soccer tournament will be held Feb. 17-March 2 at the Jamestown Sports Complex. The competition is for boys and girls K1 through U-18.

For entry information, call Jim Pool at (314) 831-2640 or Jeff Schilly at (314) 831-2838. The deadline for registration is Feb. 1.

"RJ" Krause All-Stars
The "RJ" Krause All-Stars Sports Club of East St. Louis is seeking basketball games and tournaments for boys and girls teams in grades 3-10. The club also needs sports equipment, uniforms, cheerleading outfits, used basketball shoes, sports magazines, books, games or rading cards. For more information, call Krause at 388-1201.

All-star tryouts
The St. Louis International Youth Baseball Association will select an all-star team to play

baseball in Australia in March 1997. The team is open to boys born March 30, 1985, or later. For more information, call Al Bond at (314) 845-3032.

Softball tournament
The St. Louis Girls' Fastpitch Spring Softball Tournament will be held April 18-20 by the Creve Coeur (Mo.) Athletic Association. There is a 4-game guarantee.

The entry fee for age groups 10-18 is \$150. For more information, call Mike (332-3218) or John (527-9604).

Baseball tournament
Chesterfield (Mo.) Community Association is accepting registration for its Independence Day holiday baseball tournament, to be held July 3-6. This is an open tournament limited to 16 teams at each of three levels: Atom 2, Bantam 2 and Midget 2. There is a three-game guarantee.

The tournament fee is \$110. Call Mike Cremer at (314) 519-8830 or Joe Maas at (314) 458-8827.

Flag football league
The spring session of the Budweiser Flag football League is now forming. Play begins in late March and ends in early May.

Cash prizes will be paid to the top five finishers. Space is limited and the league is filling fast. For more information, call 277-4090.

Men's senior baseball
The St. Louis Rockies, a nationally affiliated Men's Senior Baseball League team, is recruiting for the 1997 roster. For more information, leave your name and number in the voice mailbox at (314) 806-5268.

BAC soccer clinic
The Belleville Area College Winter Soccer Clinic will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 20 and 27 and March 6 at the BAC intramural gym, 2500 Carlyle Ave. The cost is \$25 per session or \$50 for all three sessions.

The clinic is open to players age 10-18. Instructors include Larry Petri, head coach at BAC; Gary Carr, head coach at BAC; Jim Meyer, head coach at Highland High School; Gary Carr, head coach at Mascoutah and Jay Blossom, head coach at Waterloo.

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

Skaters

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City 50-13 on their way to a convincing victory.

DeSmet received goals from six different players, four of whom had multiple scores. Tim Niedbalski's hat trick and two assists kept the scoreboard operator busy.

The Spartans were already in front 3-0, scoring a short-handed goal at 10:02 of the first period, when Hatfield put the Warriors on the board just 16 seconds later. Gufey and Minsley assisted. But that was it for the hosts as they were completely shut down the remainder of the game.

Gufey ended the regular season with 24 goals and 20 assists, good for team leadership in both categories.

The Warriors are now preparing for the playoffs and will face Rockwood Summit in a first-round series this weekend.

Wrestling

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Answers will appear in next week's Press-Record, along with the name(s) of the reader(s) with the most correct answers.

Let the match begin.

Loss

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And if you think Tuesday's game might have been a Lincoln record, think again. Ten years ago, the Tigerettes held Chicago Cathedral to only two points. Lincoln scored 134.

I must admit, however, that my personal favorite is Cathedral's John Battle, who scored 85 points in a single game on Jan. 28, 1979. Three nights later, he scored 91 against the same team. What team was that? Rather fittingly, Chicago St. Mary of Perpetual Help.

So, concerning the GCHS girls' defeat, I say again, "I've seen worse."

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Horoscope

Thursday, Feb. 6
ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you have a notion of writing a book or starting your own business, then start moving today. Work is of primary importance. You have luck with games or contests. Be flirtatious with a Libra to get your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A problem keeps reoccurring at work. You must deal with this now as it cannot go on much longer. Ask a Scorpio to guide you. A family conference can solve conflicts between children without animosity or strife.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Investments that went sour previously should now be reactivated. Allow a love to accompany you on a business trip. It will turn out to be professionally beneficial. Health problems are a reflection of inner feelings.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): A distant relative is finally ready to talk. Allow your pride to further this relationship. Choices are never more difficult, but you bring two adversaries together and get out of a bind yourself by making the decision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are uncertain about a romance. Test these feelings by setting some boundaries. Your judgment about a family concern is right on target, so be confident.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 6): Studying you do now will help you get a better-paying job in March or June. A love relationship with a Gemini partner takes off fast at the end of February. Creative ideas are flowing all through April and could lead to extra cash by telling the right people. Travel in May or August is splendid. Your luckiest months are March and September.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expand your career goals into new areas by trying new hobbies that involve athletic skills. Keep secrets or you will alienate a loved one. A short-sighted employer does not appreciate

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ate your skills. Consider changing jobs.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): A giant career boost is so close you can taste it. Use this to get a pay increase at present job. A Leo offers advice. Honesty with friends may have you feeling vulnerable, so try to admit that rather than keeping it inside.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Good news comes. Telephone calls bring fast and lucrative contracts. Do not disagree with others or your flexibility is the key to winning battles. A Taurus or Aries has information vital to your career.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A transfer has your family upset. Keep in mind that you respond well to change. Adventure is just what you need to lift your spirits. Involve a Pisces or Leo.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A new hobby introduces you to a completely new group of friends. This is a positive step in your personal growth. Job interviews go extremely well, especially if a Virgo is involved. Rest your mind by relaxing with music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Bite your tongue when a family member comments on your lack of extra cash or the appearance of a lover. A co-worker has sensational news that helps you. A friend is very jealous and may say hurtful things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Resist the urge to be too hard on yourself over an honest mistake at work. Plan family activities together. A lover has difficult news for you.

ENTERTAINMENT



Service crew at Jack Schmitt Cadillac-Oldsmobile with the tabulations of their pizza survey. (Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

Servicers survey pizza service

By Alene Hill
 Correspondent

What began as a discussion about where to order pizza for lunch one day became an annual pizza contest for the service department at Schmitt Cadillac Oldsmobile in Collinsville.

"We were thinking about ordering pizza for lunch and we couldn't agree where to call," said Perry Vogt, a Waterloo resident and service department employee credited with the idea. "That's how it got started."

Two weeks ago, the service department organized the third annual contest and by a vote of 18 employees from various departments at the dealership, Premier Pizza was declared winner.

Premier Pizza joins last year's winner, Domino's stuffed crust pizza, and the first year's choice, Mama's Boyz, in receiving the pizza quality award.

Evaluation begins with the phone call, made this year to five local pizza restaurants: Domino's, Pizza Hut, Little Caesar's, and Premier, said Bruce Boyer, parts director.

"We try to make all the calls at the same time," Boyer said. "We note the time and go from there."

Papa John's was inadvertently omitted this year during the phone ordering process.

The number of phone rings, whether or not the call was put on hold, and the courtesy of the person on the phone are categories in the ordering phase.

The delivery segment of the competition includes the length of time for delivery, temperature of the pizza upon delivery, and the courtesy of the deliverer.

Two large pizzas are ordered from each pizza restaurant, one with two toppings and one with everything.

Upon delivery, pizzas are weighed, the temperature is taken, and the cost per ounce is calculated.

"The pizzas are weighed on a scale and the temperature is taken with a probe," said Service Director Chuck Urban.

The only variable in their calculations, he said, is "the weight of the different boxes."

This year, unlike other years, participants were informed about the competition during delivery.

"It's usually a blind test," said Bernard Birger, a sales representative and participant. "Then they wouldn't know if they're the only one delivering, which could mean more accurate results."

But the distinguishing quality, most agree, is the taste category.

"Taste overrules all the rest," Urban said. "That's the most important quality."

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Sour conclusion flaws 'In Love and War'

One of the most famous love stories of the century took place in the final months of World War I.

The two lovers were Ernest Hemingway, a young reporter who volunteered at 18 to serve in the Red Cross with the Italian army, and Agnes von Kurowsky, also an American and Red Cross volunteer. She was 26.

The romance was immortalized in Hemingway's second novel, "A Farewell to Arms." Long after Hemingway's suicide, a truer story was told in "Hemingway in Love and War: The Lost Diaries of Agnes von Kurowsky," written by Dimitri Villard and James Nagel.

Richard Attenborough has drawn from the Von Kurowsky book for his film "In Love and War," with Sandra Bullock and Chris O'Donnell as the star-crossed lovers. Attenborough has directed an admirable film, well acted and handsomely produced, contrasting the horror of trench warfare with the urgency of young people in love.

Hemingway arrives in Italy with the macho brashness one associates with his later years. Brimming with ego, he is disatisfied with the humdrum chores of a Red Cross driver. He maneuvers himself to the northern front, where he encounters a bombing mission. While trying to carry a wounded Italian friend to safety, he

himself is struck by machine-gun fire.

An Italian surgeon (Emilio Bionucci) prepares to amputate the young man's leg, but Agnes applies a treatment that makes surgery unnecessary. Ernie and Agnes engage in some romantic sparring until finally their love flowers, just before he is shipped back to the States.

"In Love and War" has been beautifully produced, despite having been photographed in a mere 11 weeks in the Dolomites, northern Italy, Venice, England (interiors) and Montreal. The scenes of battle and Venice are especially striking, thanks to the cinematography of Roger Pratt.

Attenborough was fortunate in his selection of the two lovers. Sandra Bullock brings an unexpected tenderness and vulnerability to her portrayal of the nurse who struggles against involvement because of the disparity of ages. Chris O'Donnell gives an insightful study of the young Hemingway, brash, profoundly self-assured, confident of his future greatness.

Mackenzie Astin is warmly sympathetic as Henry Villard, Hemingway's early friend and

father of the film's co-producer.

The only disappointment of "In Love and War" comes toward the end, when Hemingway reveals himself as proud, bitter and vengeful. True to life no doubt, but a sour conclusion to a classic love affair.

The New Line Cinema release was written by Allan Scott and Dimitri Villard and directed by Villard and Attenborough.

— Associated Press

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SOCIETY

Church news

Holy Family Church, 2606 Washington Ave., is making plans to hold a mission.

Fr. Robert Morin and Fr. Robert Aaron will present a series of sessions at the church that will take us back to our spiritual roots.

The two priests hope to put the light and focus on on Jesus connections. We will celebrate and remember that we are part of his continued salvation.

The hope throughout the series of presentations is to renew the fact that God is calling us to enjoy eternal happiness.

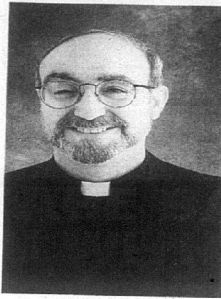
The presenters want to motivate everyone to try harder to have one-on-one communication with our God.

The public is welcome to join Holy Family Church and enjoy these inspiring speakers.

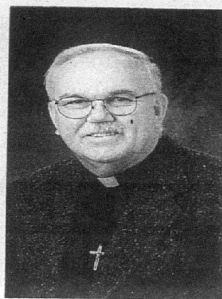
A potluck supper will kick off the Lenten Mission, Sunday, Feb. 16, in the Holy Family Community Center next door to the church.

The first presentation will follow the supper in the church at 7 p.m.

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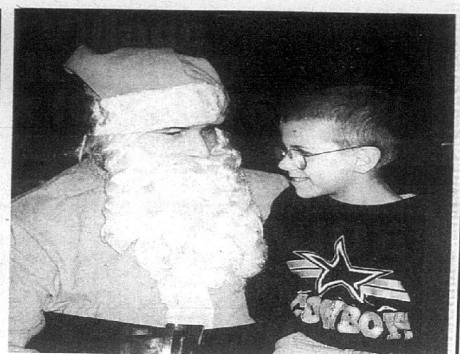
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7 p.m. presentation will be presented and a social hour with refreshments will follow each presentation.

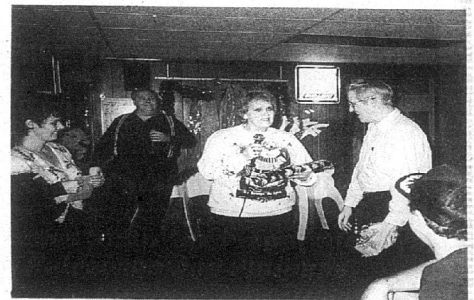
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Holy Hour Service will be held in the church each afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 877-7158.



Christmas — Amvets Post 51 and Auxiliary prepared and donated baskets to 10 area families for Christmas. Each family received a basket that included one box of can goods, one box perishables and a turkey. In left photo, above, Commander Bill Miller, right, and Jarred Doolittle, son of an auxiliary member, help to fill the baskets. The post and auxiliary held a Christmas party for children. Each child sat on Santa's lap and told him what was wanted for Christmas. Santa presented each child with a bag of fruit and candy. Afterwards, hot dogs and chips were served. In photo above right, Joshua Goor sits on Santa's lap.

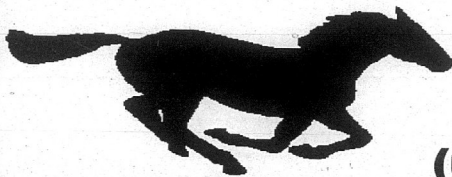


The organizations held their annual adult Christmas party. Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, salad and a special sheet cake was served. Music was performed by Jeff and Lori with Music Magic.

Shown in right picture from right to left are Commander Bill Miller, President Jane Varner, and in the background Jeff with Music Magic and Pam Falk waiting to present the Commander a gift.



Thanksgiving — Amvets Post 51 and Auxiliary prepared and donated baskets to seven area families. Each family received one box of can goods, one box of perishables and a turkey. Alex Doolittle, son of an auxiliary member, helps fill one of the baskets.



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Engagements

Puhse-Allen

Mia Leann Puhse, daughter of Ralph Jr. and Vickie Puhse of Granite City, and David Daniel Allen, son of David O. and Glenys Allen of Platteville, Mo., have announced their engagement.

Puhse, a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School, is employed by CPI Corporation of St. Louis as a promotions coordinator. She also attended St. Louis and Florissant Valley Community Colleges from 1992 to 1994.

Bridges, a 1989 graduate of Platte County R-III High School, and a 1995 graduate of Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, Mo., with a bachelor of science degree in recreation administration, is



Mia Puhse and David Allen
employed by The May Company of St. Louis as a credit service head.
A May 3, 1997, wedding at Calvary Baptist Church in Edwardsville is being planned.

Kovach-Shipman

Angie Lyn Kovach, daughter of Steve and Carol Kovach of Granite City, and Derrick Anthony Shipman, son of Don and Louise Shipman of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Kovach, a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School, is a senior at SIUE majoring in psychology, is employed by St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City as a medical transcriptionist.

Shipman, a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School, is employed by Mad Hatter Muffler in Granite City as a mechanic.



Angie Kovach and Derrick Shipman
A July 12, 1997, wedding at St. John's United Church of Christ in Granite City is being planned.

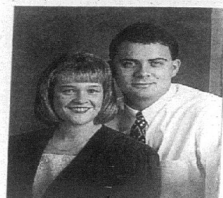
Schuman-McFarland

Leah Renee Schuman, daughter of Pat and Gloria Schuman of Granite City, and David Robert McFarland, son of Dave and Melanie McFarland of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Schuman, a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, is employed by Granite City Community School District #9 as a physical education teacher.

McFarland, a sheet metal worker, is employed by McFarland Heating and Cooling of Granite City as an estimator.

A June 1997 wedding at St.



Leah Schuman and David McFarland
John's United Church of Christ in Granite City is being planned.

Weddings

Dix-Simpson

Amy Christine Simpson and James Brian Dix were married Jan. 11, 1997, at Grace-land Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. The ceremony was followed by a dinner for the wedding party at the Excelsior Hotel in Las Vegas, where they were staying.

The bride is the daughter of Lawrence Simpson of Troy and Maureen Gaudreault of Granite City. A 1995 graduate of McKendree College in Lebanon with a degree in elementary education, she recently accepted a position in Virginia Beach, Va., working in early childhood development.

The groom is the son of James and Irma Dix of Mitchell. A veteran of the Gulf War, he is currently completing training as an aviation rescue specialist with the U.S. Coast Guard and is due to graduate in May 1997.



Amy Simpson and James Dix
Nicole Gaudreault of Granite City, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor.
Tim Simpson of Troy, brother of the bride, was the best man.
The couple plan to return to this area in May for a wedding reception to be held at Randy's in Troy.

Stofel-Bald

Dawn Bald and Michael Stofel were married Nov. 23, 1996, at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Collinsville.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bald of Granite City. A graduate of Granite City High School, she is employed by Roosevelt Bank in St. Louis as a head teller.

The groom is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Stofel of Duplo. A graduate of Hermann High School, Hermann, Mo., and Gateway College of Evangelism, St. Louis, he is employed by IBM in St. Louis.

Jane Boush, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Paula Fuller of Granite City, sister of the bride; Terri Calbreath of Granite City, sister of the bride; and Dona Hoffman of Granite City, cousin of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Candice Fuller and Lauren and Erin Calbreath, all of Granite City.

Phillip Willeford, brother-in-law of the groom, was the best man. The groomsmen were Jeremy Law, brother-in-law of the groom; and Phillip Dod-



Dawn Bald and Michael Stofel
son, Jason Kopecky and Tom Shannon, all friends of the groom. Junior groomsmen were Blake Willeford of Florissant, Mo., nephew of the groom; Flower girl was Brittany Willeford of Florissant, Mo., niece of the groom. Brandon Fuller, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.
The ushers were Eric Calbreath, nephew of the bride; and Albert Laughary, cousin of the groom.
A dinner reception was held at the Granite City Township Hall.
The couple now resides in Granite City.

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Watson Mercer

Mercer-50 years

Watson and Esther (Jameson) Mercer were united in marriage on Dec. 15, 1946, at First Assembly of God Church in Granite City by the late Rev. Hillard Griffin. The bridesmaid was the late Edith Smith, sister of the bride, and the best man was Maynard Mercer, brother of the groom.

The couple was honored by their children and grandchildren with a private dinner at Romine's Restaurant in St.

Louis on Dec. 8, 1996. In attendance were Ron and Vicki (Mercer) Simpson with their children, Jay, Cory and Amy; Michael and Vanessa Mercer with their children, Tom, Lindsey, and Melissa; Carl and Rita Mercer with their son, Andrew; and Ella Pierce, sister of Esther Mercer.
Mr. and Mrs. Mercer recently returned from a seven day Caribbean Cruise to San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten of the Virgin Islands.

Quartet needs singers

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He automobile policy contained liability coverage in the amount of \$20,000.00. All parties acknowledged that the injured passenger was not entitled to recover under the liability portion of her policy based on a provision in

the policy which excluded such coverage. However, the policy also contained an uninsured motorist provision. The issue which the Court had to decide is whether the uninsured motorist coverage was applicable in a case such as this.

The insurance company argued that under the terms of the passenger's own policy, she was not covered by the uninsured motorist provision because at the time of the accident she was riding in an insured automobile. The plaintiff argued that since the purpose of no insurance of his own, and because the liability portion of her policy did not apply to her in this situation, that therefore the defendant was in fact an uninsured motorist, even though there was insurance on the car he was driving.

The Court noted that the Insurance Code of this state requires every automobile liability policy to contain uninsured motorist coverage. The Court felt that the purpose of this provision was to ensure that compensation would be available to policyholders in the event of injury by an uninsured motorist. To obligation in this case would be contrary, they felt, to the intent of the legislature.

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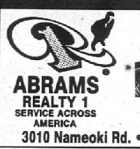
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